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Report Highlights:

Uruguayan soybean area and production is forecast to increase slightly in the next year. The soybean crushing industry remains underdeveloped; soybean oil and meal are imported for domestic consumption.

Includes PSD Changes: Yes
Includes Trade Matrix: Yes
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Production

Uruguay is coming off three year's of reduced precipitation and soil moisture. However, the effects of reduced precipitation are not homogenous throughout the country; each region has been affected differently depending on the region of the country and the dates of the dryness. The summer crop lots that have been harvested thus far have shown effects from soil moisture deficits in late spring and early summer of last year.

The dryness hit during the flowering stages of some crops, and during the installation phase of others, depending on planting date. First crop soybeans, normally planted around the beginning of October, are not showing as much stress (in terms of yield reduction) as second crop soybeans, which were planted in December and January. For this reason, yields are expected to be slightly higher than last year.

Post estimates MY2005/06 soybean area and production at 300,000 HAS and 570,000 MT, respectively.

While prices, internationally, have dropped over the past couple months, producers hope that averages will settle along the lines of the averages of the past couple years, allowing producers to continue expand production area and increase incomes.

Expansion area in Uruguay is not as abundant as it is in Argentina, but Uruguayan producers do have the benefit of not paying a 23.5 percent export tax, as their Argentine counterparts must pay. While there are still several months between now and planting, and producers may change their planting intentions in that time period, Post forecasts MY2006/07 harvested area up slightly to 320,000 HAS. Production is forecast at 600,000 MT.

Consumption

Soybean domestic demand continues to be driven by the feed industry for protein meals. All crushing products (oils and meals) are consumed domestically. Uruguay is a net importer of soybean oils and meals.

There have not been any developments in the crushing industry in Uruguay. Crushing capacity remains around 100,000 MT/annually.

Post forecasts MY2006/07 soybean crush at 25,000 MT. Prior year estimates are reduced to 25,000 MT, as well.

Post forecasts MY2006/07 soybean oil and meal consumption at 21,000 and 80,000 MT, respectively.

Trade

Except for the small quantity of soybeans that are consumed domestically, all soybean production is exported.

There are a few areas of Uruguay that are designated FTZs. One of them, Nueva Palmira, on the Uruguay River across from the Argentine coast, is the most important point of export for unprocessed soybeans.

The following charts provide monthly trade data of imports and exports, based on private sources (NOSIS).

Post forecasts MY2006/07 soybean exports at 550,000 MT.

Post forecasts MY2006/07 soybean oil and meal imports at 17,000 and 60,000 MT, respectively.

Post revises MY2005/06 export and import data to reflect the data found below.

Uruguayan Soybean Exports April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2005 (MT)

Destination	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Total
China	0	0	0	0	28,503	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28,503
Egypt	0	41,907	0	46,210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26,040	114,157
Morocco	0	22,727	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,727
FTZ- Nueva Palmira	88,756	63,128	81,089	64,356	14,070	9,990	5,419	0	0	0	0	21,100	347,907
Other	0	4,580	840	101	198	99	118	0	0	0	57	0	5,993
Total	88,756	132,342	81,929	110,666	42,771	10,089	5,537	0	0	0	57	47,140	519,287

Uruguayan Soybean Imports April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006 (MT)

Country	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Total
Argentina	0	0	0	0	0	5,387	2,159	3,658	168	0	0	0	11,373
Other	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	6	18	0	0	0	33
Total	0	9	0	0	0	5,387	2,159	3,664	186	0	0	0	11,405

Uruguay Soybean Meal Imports April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006 (MT)

Country	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Total
Argentina	4,518	4,672	3,705	3,439	5,346	5,163	5,145	3,995	4,358	5,813	3,090	5,917	55,161
Other	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	24	8	547	0	589
Total	4,521	4,678	3,705	3,439	5,347	5,163	5,145	3,995	4,382	5,821	3,637	5,917	55,750

Uruguay Soybean Oil Imports April 1, 2005 - March 31, 2006 (MT)

Country	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Total
Argentina	1,032	2,208	725	864	724	1,188	511	1,265	308	1,383	643	336	11,186
Brazil	398	348	572	347	249	447	521	398	406	696	730	868	5,980
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	1,429	2,557	1,296	1,211	973	1,636	1,032	1,662	714	2,079	1,373	1,204	17,167

PSD Table

Country

Uruguay

Commodity

Oilseed, Soybean

(1000 HA)(1000 MT)

	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official Estimate	USDA Official Estimate	USDA Official Estimate	USDA Official Estimate	USDA Official Estimate	USDA Official Estimate	
Market Year Begin	04/2005		04/2006		04/2007		MM/YYYY
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 HA)
Area Harvested	280	280	300	300	0	320	(1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks	46	46	56	3	60	5	(1000 MT)
Production	500	500	550	570	0	600	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	9	11	7	12	0	12	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	555	557	613	585	60	617	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	420	519	426	540	0	550	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Crush Dom. Consumption	50	25	67	25	0	25	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed,Seed,Waste Dm.Cr	29	10	60	15	0	20	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	79	35	127	40	0	45	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	56	3	60	5	0	22	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	555	557	613	585	0	617	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)

PSD Table

Country	Uruguay					
Commodity	Oil, Soybean					
	(1000 MT)(PERCENT)					
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast
	USDA Official	Estimate	USDA Official	Estimate	USDA Official	Estimate
Market Year Begin	04/2005		04/2006		04/2007	MM/YYYY
Crush	50	25	67	25	0	25 (1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0	0.16	0	0.16	0	0.16 (PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
Production	0	4	0	4	0	4 (1000 MT)
MY Imports	0	17	0	17	0	17 (1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	0	21	0	21	0	21 (1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Consum	0	21	0	21	0	21 (1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	0	21	0	21	0	21 (1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	0	21	0	21	0	21 (1000 MT)
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)

PSD Table

Country	Uruguay						
Commodity	Meal, Soybean						
	(1000 MT)(PERCENT)						UOM
	2004	Revised	2005	Estimate	2006	Forecast	
	USDA Official	Estimate	USDA Official	Estimate	USDA Official	Estimate	New
Market Year Begin	04/2005		04/2006		04/2007		MM/YYYY
Crush	50	25	67	25	0	25	(1000 MT)
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.8	0.8	0.716418	0.8	0	0.8	(PERCENT)
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Production	40	20	48	20	0	20	(1000 MT)
MY Imports	45	56	50	60	0	60	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Imp. from the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	85	76	98	80	0	80	(1000 MT)
MY Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
MY Exp. to the EC	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Industrial Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Food Use Dom. Consum	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Feed Waste Dom. Consum	85	76	98	80	0	80	(1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	85	76	98	80	0	80	(1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	85	76	98	80	0	80	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Yr Imp. U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calendar Year Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
Calndr Yr Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)